

Sex Offender Classification Board Meeting

Minutes

January 13, 2006

Present: Thomas Hearn - chair, Gary Horton, Pamela Huntsman and Moscelene Sunderland, members; Kathy Baird, assistant.

Board members initially met at the Statehouse with the Governor's policy and legislative analysts.

The SOCB meeting commenced at 10:30 upon members' return to the IDOC headquarters.

Minutes Approval

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed:

- December 9, 2005 regular meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9TH MINUTES PENDING CORRECTION OF A MINOR CLERICAL ERROR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARY HORTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Budget Update – Kathy Baird, SOCB Assistant

As discussed previously, operating expense funds for FY'06 are largely expended. Remaining funds should cover expenses for two more meetings this fiscal year. Conference calls are an alternative to face-to-face meetings.

- Members discussed utilizing funds in the evaluator certification account to sponsor a conference to assist evaluators in meeting continuing education requirements. Suggestions for potential topics and speakers were noted. The topic will be considered again at a later date.

Administrative Rules – Board Discussion

Ms. Baird provided a briefing on of the final administrative rule changes that will soon be presented to the legislature.

- The number of specialized training hours required for initial psychosexual certification is currently the same as that required for recertification continuing education. This was an oversight, and illogical. The initial specialized training requirement will be increased to 200 hours with no designated time limitation.
- Statute indicates the fees for evaluator certification are non-refundable. This language is being included in the Rules for consistency.
- Offenders cannot be forced to participate in polygraphs for psychosexual evaluations. Language is added to reflect that declining to take a polygraph will not be considered as failure to participate in the psychosexual evaluation process for violent sexual predator review.
- Future amendment consideration will be given to modify the annual recertification continuing education requirement to 20 hours starting in 2005. Giving speeches does not qualify for continuing education credit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Executive Session

- Legal review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(f).
- Sex offender case review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(h) and I.C. 18-8315.
 - Steven Sitler, #79278 was not designated as a violent sexual predator.
 - Preliminary consideration was given to SOCB review of David Derryberry, #46774. Members consented to further review.
- Psychosexual Evaluator Certification Application Reviews.
 - 7 applications were reviewed and approved for certification.
 - Evaluators will be reminded of the required format for psychosexual evaluations.
 - The board discussed reviewing this format at its next meeting, and suggestions for possible modifications will be solicited from the pool of certified evaluators.

The meeting returned to regular session.

Miscellaneous Business

- The board will meet again on Friday, 3/3/06.

The meeting was concluded at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
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